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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:** 

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A covering Covering device for a mounting

recess in a cover strip of a vehicle roof, comprising consisting of an insertion part (1), which

can be positioned in the cover strip (3), and a hinged cover (2), comprising with bearing

journals (6), shaped on both ends, said hinged cover beingwhich is supported so it can pivot

about an axis in a[[the]] strip longitudinal direction, said hinged cover coveringand which

fills the recess (4) in a[[the]] closed position, with the bearing journals supported in bearing

shells (7) shaped on the insertion part (1), said bearing journals comprising and catch pins (11)

which can lock in an[[the]] open and the closed positions by means of spring elements (12)

which are shaped on the insertion part (1) and act on the catch pins (11), characterized in that

the bearing journals (6) are shaped on the hinged cover (2) via a U-shaped element (5), said

U-shaped element (5) being<del>which is</del> dimensioned such that anthe edge (8) of the recess (4)

projects into an [[the]] open space (9) of the element (5) in the open position high position of

the hinged cover (2).

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering Covering device according to

Claim 1, characterized in that the bearing journals (6) [[,]] facefacing one another and[[,]] are

supported in a clamping manner in the bearing shells (7), and the bearing journals (6) have

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catch pins (11) are arranged in an opposedthe opposite direction, wherein said catch pins (11) which work together with the spring elements (12).

- (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering Covering device according to 3. Claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that the bearing shells (7) comprise are provided with lateral stop walls (10), said lateral stop walls restrainedlywhich ensure positioning [[of]] the bearing journals (6) in the strip longitudinal direction of the cover strip (3).
- (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering Covering device according to 4. Claim 3, characterized in that the bearing journals (6) further comprise are provided with grooves (16), into which correspondingly shaped catch edges (15) on the spring elements (12) catch in the open and closed positions of the hinged cover (2).
- 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The covering Covering device according to [[one of]] Claims 2Claim 4, characterized in that the spring elements (12) are shaped as arc-shaped spring websribs (13) and are formed at one end on the insertion part (1) and, at a secondguided around, with the other end pointpointing toward the catch pins (11), wherein the catch edges (15), eatching in the grooves (16), are formed on a [[the]] front sidesides (14) of the second endelastically springy ends.
- 6. (NEW) A covering device for a mounting recess in a cover strip, comprising:

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an insertion part, said insertion part being capable of coupling with said cover strip,

and

a hinged cover, said hinged cover being hinged with said insertion part by means of at

least one bearing journal on said hinged cover coupling with at least one bearing shell on said

insertion part, wherein:

said hinged cover is capable of pivoting about an axis in a strip longitudinal

direction,

said hinged cover is capable of covering said mounting recess in a closed

position,

said at least one bearing journal comprises at least one catch face, said at least

one catch face being capable of interacting with a spring element so as to inhibit

movement of said hinged cover in an open and said closed position, and

an opening is defined between said hinged cover and said at least one bearing

journal, said opening being capable of receiving an edge of said insertion part in said

open position.

The covering device of claim 6, wherein said hinged cover is 7. (NEW)

capable of pivoting more than 90° about said axis.

The covering device of claim 6, wherein said at least one bearing 8. (NEW)

journal further comprises at least one lateral stop wall, said lateral stop wall being capable of

positioning said at least one bearing journal within said at least one bearing shell.

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9. The covering device of claim 6, wherein said spring element is (NEW)

formed on said insertion part.

The covering device of claim 6, wherein said insertion part further 10. (NEW)

comprises at least one support rib, said support rib being capable of supporting said hinged

cover in said closed position.

11. (NEW) The covering device of claim 6, wherein said insertion part further

comprises at least one hook, said at least one hook being capable of restraining said insertion

part within said cover strip.

12. The covering device of claim 11, wherein said hinged cover is

capable of pivoting more than 90° about said axis.

13. (NEW) The covering device of claim 12, wherein said at least one bearing

journal further comprises at least one lateral stop wall, said lateral stop wall being capable of

positioning said at least one bearing journal within said at least one bearing shell.

14. The covering device of claim 13, wherein said spring element is (NEW)

formed on said insertion part.

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15. (NEW) The covering device of claim 14, wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one support rib, said support rib being capable of supporting said hinged cover in said closed position.

16. (NEW) The covering device of claim 6, wherein said at least one catch face comprises a pair of catch faces, a first of said pair of catch faces being capable of interacting with said spring element so as to inhibit movement of said hinged cover in said open position, and a second of said pair of catch faces being capable of interacting with said spring element so as to inhibit movement of said hinged cover in said closed position.

- 17. (NEW) The covering device of claim 16, wherein said spring element is formed on said insertion part.
- 18. (NEW) The covering device of claim 16, wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one support rib, said support rib being capable of supporting said hinged cover in said closed position.
- 19. (NEW) The covering device of claim 16, wherein said insertion part further comprises at least one hook, said at least one hook being capable of restraining said insertion part within said cover strip.

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20. (NEW) The covering device of claim 16, wherein said at least one bearing journal further comprises at least one lateral stop wall, said lateral stop wall being capable of positioning said at least one bearing journal within said at least one bearing shell.